

The SHEPPARD SENATOR

Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas, home of the 82nd Training Wing and 80th Flying Training Wing

In the news

Base leaders to address topics on TSTV

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, will address various issues on TSTV-14 at 6:30 p.m. Thursday.

Also scheduled to appear on the program is Col. Darrell Sims, 82nd Training Wing vice commander, and Chief Master Sgt. Lupe Ruiz, 82nd Training Wing command chief.

The base leaders will be on live television, but, as opposed to the general's live broadcast in September, there won't be an opportunity to call in.

Reproduction of ID cards illegal

Title 18, U.S.C., Section 701 prohibits photographing, reproducing or possessing Uniformed Service ID cards in an unauthorized manner under penalty of fine, imprisonment or both.

Unfortunately, personnel of Team Sheppard have dealt with car dealerships insisting to make copies of their ID cards before a purchase is made. However, members should be aware that ID cards should not be photocopied or reproduced except by base agencies.

The cardholder may make a photocopy to facilitate medical care processing, check cashing or to administer other military-related benefits to eligible beneficiaries.

For more guidance, see AFI 36-2026, paragraph 1.8 or call the customer service desk at the Military Personnel Flight at 6-2224.

No Senator Dec. 26 or Jan. 2

There will not be a publication of the *Sheppard Senator* Dec. 26 or Jan. 2 due to Christmas and New Years.

Please plan accordingly.

Learning curve

Briefings to inform officers on Force Development

By Capt. Marc Gonzalez

982nd Maintenance Support Squadron

Sheppard officers will learn about the future of their career development Thursday during morning and afternoon briefings.

Brig. Gen. Larry New, 325th Fighter Wing commander, will be on base to speak to officers of all ranks and career fields about the new Force Development initiative.

Briefings will be held in the officers club at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. A separate executive session will be held for all squadron and group commanders and staff agency chiefs of the 82nd Training Wing and the 80th Flying Training Wing at 9:30 a.m. in hangar 1025.

The overall goal of force development is to successfully accomplish the full spectrum of changing Air Force missions by developing officers with the required skills, knowledge and experience to lead and execute current and future mission capabilities, the general said. Attaining this goal requires the Air Force to achieve the following key objectives:

- Deliberately connect all training and educational opportunities to assignment experiences to best build competencies that meet Air Force needs in and across career fields.

- Purposefully connect individuals' goals to Air Force needs to best achieve both.

- Ensure Air Force personnel-directed decision processes invest the right education, training and experience in the right officers at the right time while meeting Air Force requirements.

- Better use all the strengths of officer, enlisted, civilian, Air Force Reserve and Air National Guard people.

- Enhance the understanding of all airmen and their roles in development, using



Photo by Senior Airman Chris Powell

1st Lt. Catherine "Cat" Germain, standing, and Senior Airman Heidi Snider, both with the 80th Operations Support Squadron, monitor the airfield and flight traffic here Monday. The new Force Development initiative will eventually allow both officers and enlisted personnel the opportunity to enhance their skills and learn new ones to successfully complete current and future mission capabilities.

their inputs in the assignment process and providing feedback to inform and shape expectations.

"The Air Force, right now, does not have a systematic way of developing our officers to become senior officers," General New said. "This (new) Force Development is designed to put more rigor to the development process and give us better senior officers in the end that have the qualifications and capabilities we need."

Although the first phase of implementing force development targets processes affecting members of the officer corps, all elements – enlisted, civilian, Reserve and Air

National Guard – will eventually benefit from the force development construct, said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper.

"Force development is all about getting the right people in the right job at the right time with the right skills to fight and win in support of our national security objectives, now and in the future," he said. "It will result in significant changes to our current program of officer progression."

(Jillian K. Speake, Air Education and Training Command Public Affairs, and Tech. Sgt. David A. Jablonski, Air Force Print News, contributed to this story.)



Team Sheppard Training 2003



82nd Training Wing: 74,720 students trained to replenish America's combat capability
80th Flying Training Wing: 177 combat pilots trained for the NATO Alliance





Photo by Lynn Bullard

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr., 82nd Training Wing commander, presents a certificate of appreciation to Lt. Col. James Bruno, 82nd Training Group commander, for outstanding service and support during the 2003 Combined Federal Campaign.

Action Line 6-2000, action.line@sheppard.af.mil

The 82nd Training Wing's Action Line is your direct line to me for any concerns and suggestions you have.

I am personally involved in every reply, and I am committed to making Sheppard Air Force Base a better place to live, work and play.

Before you call the Action Line, however, I ask that you give your chain of command or other base agencies an opportunity to work your concerns. If you still do not receive a satisfactory response, call me at 6-2000, or send an e-mail to

action.line@sheppard.af.mil. Please include your name and telephone number.

Those concerns with a wide impact at Sheppard may be published in *The Sheppard Senator*.

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Reflections in the mirror... 82nd TRW commander: Live up to self-image

By Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney Jr.

82nd Training Wing commander

Think for a moment...is it possible for two people to look at the same thing and each see something different? I would argue the answer is YES!

It is possible for two people to observe the same subject yet "see" two different items or events. Ask anyone in security forces about taking police reports from eyewitnesses and you'll quickly understand no two observers ever agree on every detail. I can think of countless times I've sat in a meeting with staff members where I thought we all saw the same presentation yet, later, we had widely different ideas of what information was conveyed.

Each morning as you look at yourself in the mirror, what is it you see? Do you see someone who is easily approachable, a mentor, a leader, a member of the most respected profession and someone "fit to fight?" Did

you ever think there may be two different "reflections" of YOU? Is that what your co-workers, students, supervisors or family would describe?

I know this phenomenon firsthand. I would describe myself as a very organized, neat and detail-oriented person. My wife and administrative staff probably have a far different view of my habits. Understandably, my self-image and reality are different—I need to work on it.

How do others view you? Are you grouchy and irritable — a "grinch?" Approachable and encouraging? First impressions can last a long time, but the day-to-day attitude we carry with us has as much to do with how we are regarded as that first handshake does.

At every moment of the day, people are watching the men and women of Sheppard Air Force Base. They expect a certain level of professionalism, honor, integrity and excellence. If these aren't the reflections in your mirror, then they surely aren't the val-

ues you communicate.

Sheppard's students are also forming impressions. They are learning what we are all about, our culture and our heritage from the staff they meet each day. These early values will be the foundation of their careers. Let's make sure we're giving them the right ideas about what it means to be an airman, soldier, sailor or Marine.

Self-reflection is an ongoing process. That's what "excellence in all we do" is really about—continuous improvement. This holiday season, take a moment while you reminisce on the past or dream of the future to focus on the present-day you. Try to make the "ghost of Christmas present" a warm and inviting mentor to work with...only you can make what you think you see in yourself and what others observe one and the same.

Make the reflection you see in the mirror a reality for everyone you meet. Have a safe week and Happy Holidays!

Vets thank Sheppard

On behalf of the North Texas Veterans council and all veterans everywhere, I wish to thank Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney, 82nd Training Wing commander, and all of Team Sheppard for their support and help in making the Veteran's Day parade and Veteran's Day a great success.

We would also like to thank the volunteers who directed and placed the organizations in line for the parade, the color guard, drill team and all others — too numerous to mention here; they know who they are. Without the help of these individuals, we could not have had a successful parade.

Team Sheppard showed its support again on Veteran's Day when General Rooney spoke to veterans and family members during a ceremony at Crest View Cemetery. The general spoke on the same ground that held the Vietnam Moving Wall in August 2002 and was dedicated as a veteran's cemetery.

A Time Capsule was recently buried there and a monument will be placed over it as a reminder to the public what the veterans of this great nation have done for the freedoms we all enjoy today.

The color guard from Sheppard presented the colors during the ceremony.

Some day, each and every active duty member will hold the title of VETERAN.
Signed Mr. Ward Coston



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It's a dog's life

SFS working dogs valuable to local, deployed missions

By Ms. Carolyn Young

Base Public Communication

When these members of the Air Force go TDY, the most they can expect is a pat on the head.

They work hard and provide invaluable services to the community, but still have to play every now and then. When they do a good job at work, they don't get a promotion, but maybe they'll get a treat.

These troops aren't even people - they're the military working dogs at Sheppard.

"The Air Force mainly uses German Shepherds and Belgian Malinois for working dogs because they have the four qualities we look for: intelligence, agility, loyalty, and strength," Tech. Sgt. Buffie Verhagen, Sheppard's kennel master, said.

The dogs are first found by vendors, who contact breeders for likely candidates, she said. The Air Force has recently begun breeding the dogs themselves at Lackland Air Force Base, Texas.

Once the dogs are between one and 2 years old, they enter the training program at Lackland.

"Most of the dogs are dual

trained for explosives or drugs and patrol," Sergeant Verhagen said.

Handlers train for 11 weeks at Lackland.

"We're all volunteers," she said. "Security forces personnel volunteer for the job."

Not only do they learn how to handle the dogs, but they also learn basic vet skills.

Staff Sgt. Paul Diedrich, a trainer at the kennel, said since the handlers are around the dogs the most, knowing how to take care of them is better for their partner.

"Since we're around the dogs the most, we can watch out for their health," he said.

Training is where the dogs get their names, some of which, like Charque and Murdog, are quite interesting. They also have a number tattooed in their left ears for identification.

The dogs can sniff to detect drugs or explosives and also search cars at Sheppard's gates. They also provide protection for their handlers.

Once assigned to a base, the dogs stay there for their entire 10-12 year career.



Photo by Ms. Carolyn Young

Staff Sgt. Paul Diedrich, 82nd Security Forces Squadron, takes his partner, Arno, a Belgian Malinois, through an obstacle course recently.

"One of the hardest parts of our job is PCSing and leaving your dog behind," Sergeant Diedrich said.

Each dog is assigned to a handler and "they're partners," said Sergeant Verhagen. "(They) sleep with them, eat with them and trav-

el with them."

The partnership is very close; each member of the partnership has an enormous respect for the other.

"It's the most rewarding experience I've had in the Air Force," Sergeant Diedrich said.

Sheppard dogs not only work on base, but also go all over the world to perform a variety of services. Some have just returned from the Middle East and others are deployed in support of Operation Enduring Freedom.

They also help out U.S. Customs at border crossings and have traveled in support of the United States Secret Service, providing explosive detection services.

"Technology can't match what these dogs do," Sergeant Verhagen said. "And it's the best companionship that you could ask for."

The dog's abilities and characters are especially important in today's world, where the dogs can perform a critical service in the fight against terrorism.

After the dogs can no longer work, due to age or a non-life-threatening illness, the most suitable candidates are put up for adoption. They go through a rigorous evaluation and then their former handlers or law enforcement officers can take them into their homes.

Some become part of the training process and are sent back to Lackland to train handlers.



Photo by Ms. Lou Anne Sledge

Get it while it's hot

Brig. Gen. Arthur Rooney, 82nd Training Wing commander, and his wife, Mrs. Helen Rooney, serve up a little holiday cheer for airmen at the Tumbleweed dining facility during Thanksgiving. About 2,240 meals were served to airmen at the Tumbleweed and White Hall dining facilities.

Avoid the "Nigeria" scam

By Capt. Matthew King

Base legal office

Across the country, people are being tricked into giving money and banking information in what has come to be known as the "Nigeria" or "419" scam. This scam has even affected Sheppard.

Recently, a Team Sheppard airman was targeted and asked to give money. Fortunately, this airman was smart enough to think through the situation and seek the advice of his commander and the legal office before giving away any money or vital banking information.

The fraud is called the "Nigeria" scam because the back-story generally involves Nigerians and it's believed that Nigerians, either abroad or in the U.S., started the scam. The name "419" supposedly comes from the section of the Nigerian criminal laws that forbids such scams.

The way the scam works is fair-

ly simple. The victim receives a letter, telephone call or e-mail regarding a rich Nigerian, often an oil baron.

In some versions, the person has died and it turns out the victim is said to be a distant relative. No other family exists, so the entire multi-million dollar estate is to go to the victim.

The scam artists will often say they are lawyers and they only need a few thousand dollars to free up the estate and take care of the legal fees. Sometimes they even send death certificates or other documents.

In another version of the scam, the victim is told the person contacting them is very rich and is trying to escape persecution in the country. All they need is a few thousand dollars to get out of the country so they can access their vast bank accounts waiting abroad.

Of course, the victims will be paid back graciously for their assis-

tance.

Do not fall for such a scam. Even if the story makes some sense to you based on what you read in newspapers or even based upon your family history, be skeptical.

Particularly in the inheritance version of the story, ask who the "lawyers" are, what firm they work for and why there is no return address, fax number or e-mail address on any of their correspondence. If you are approached with a situation like this, remember that if it sounds too good to be true it probably is.

These scams are a national problem; the Federal Trade Commission, FBI, Secret Service and other agencies have been on the case for years.

If you are contacted by a Nigerian or 419 scam artist, report it immediately.

Call 6-4262 to make an appointment with the Sheppard Law Center for assistance.

Films to give glimpse of services

By Airman Jacque Lickteig

Base public communication

About 350 Sheppard members participated in a video production Tuesday and Thursday for an Air Force Services Agency and Headquarters Air Education and Training Command project.

A nine-member crew filmed various Sheppard services activities as part of the U.B.U. initiative, which was developed to familiarize new Air Force members with what services offers and ultimately increase participation in services activities.

Sheppard is the second base the crew has filmed. They will film 11 total, Debbie Karnes, chief of marketing for the Air Force Services Agency, said.

Other bases include Lackland and Goodfellow Air Force bases in Texas and Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

"The crew will compile all of the footage into two videos. Basic trainees will see one video

while they are at Lackland. The purpose of that one will be to introduce services to the trainees," Frank Black, acting director for Headquarters AETC Services, said.

Technical training students will see the other video, which will show more details about services activities, he said.

The productions' scheduled completion date is the end of January. The Air Force will begin showing them to the targeted audience around March, Ms. Karnes said.

The initiative involves more than just showing videos, though.

Technical school students will also get a U.B.U. card, which entitles them to discounts and specials. Cardholders will get benefits similar to club membership benefits. Air Force services will offer this card because technical school students aren't eligible for club membership, Ms. Karnes said.

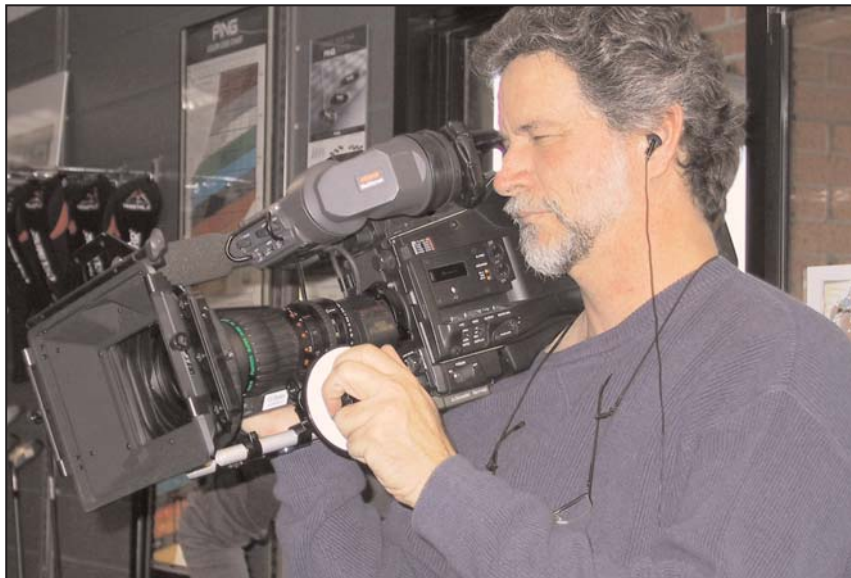


Photo by Airman Jacque Lickteig

Bruce Maniscalco, a film crew member for the U.B.U. initiative, a program to draw more new airmen to what services has to offer, shoots a scene at Wind Creek Golf Course Tuesday.



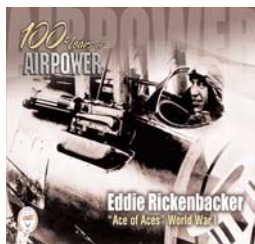
Sheppard Centennial of Flight Flyby

**Dec. 17 at
9:35 a.m.**

**82nd TRW
HQ, Bldg.
400**

■ Four T-37s and T-38s will fly over Bldg. 400 at 9:35 a.m., the exact time the Wright brothers flew the Wright Flyer at Kitty Hawk, N.C.

■ A cake cutting and awards ceremony will take place following the flyby at 10:30 a.m. in the community center.



Base to "Give a Child a Christmas" Dec. 12

By Airman Jacque Lickteig

Base public communication

The Company Grade Officers Council, in conjunction with the Wichita Falls Partners in Education, will hold a Christmas party for less fortunate children of the Wichita Falls community Dec. 12 in Hangar 1012 from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

The party is part of the Give a Child a Christmas project, in which military members, families, organizations and DoD civilians provide up to \$75 worth of gifts to each of the 130 children.

The children, chosen by their principles, are students from Fannin Elementary and Haynes Elementary. The children provide a wish list, and the sponsors purchase gifts according to the lists.

The CGOC and the PIE have organized and sponsored the Give a Child a Christmas project since 1997.

The party will have snacks



and lunch, as well as activities such as arts and crafts, a cake-walk, a moonwalk and pictures with Santa for the children to do as they wait for Santa to deliver their gifts.

Capt. Tamara Bergtholdt, the sponsorship chair for Give a Child a Christmas, said the support for the project has been overwhelming.

"I had all the sponsors I needed within 48 hours of putting the word out," she said.

There was such a surplus of willing sponsors. Because of the surplus, Sheppard sponsored two Angel Trees, which is

another program that benefits less fortunate children, she said.

The CGOC would like to thank At Ease, the base T-shirt shop, for donating staff shirts, Captain Bergtholdt said.

The CGOC would like to remind sponsors to drop gifts off Thursday between 4:30 and 6:30 p.m. at Hangar 1012 in the bags provided.

For those who want to support Give a Child a Christmas, the CGOC is accepting donations to cover the cost of the party. To do so, contact Capt. Nicole Fuller at 6-6075 or 2nd Lt. Alfred Aquino at 6-5141.

All-ranks day at Airman's Attic tomorrow

An Airman's Attic All Ranks Day will be held tomorrow from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

The Attic is located in Bldg. 962 on the corner of Ninth Street and I Avenue. The phone number to the Attic is 6-0048.

The Attic has adult clothing, baby clothing, baby items, small appliances and other various items available. Make plans now to stop by and see what the Attic has to offer!

For additional information, please call the Family Support Center at 6-4358.

Actors needed for ENJJPT Players

The ENJJPT Players are in need of amateur actors for their upcoming play in the spring.

Experience is not a requirement.

Anyone and everyone from military to dependent to all civilian personnel can participate.

The proceeds of the play

will go to local charities. In the past, an average of \$4,000 has been donated per year.

All sorts of roles and positions are needed. Actors, make-up artists, public relations manager, stage hands and a financial manager are needed.

For more information, contact Lt. Col. Eric Bogaards at 6-4247 or Capt. Chris van Vliet at 6-2613.

Reservists, Guardsmen now have unlimited Commissary access

The Department of Defense recently announced that with the president's signing of the National Defense Authorization Act for Fiscal Year 2004, effective immediately, the following members and their dependents will be permitted unlimited access to commissary stores:



■Members of the Ready Reserve (which includes members of the Selected Reserve, Individual Ready Reserve and Inactive National Guard) and members of the Retired Reserve who possess a Uniformed Services Identification Card.

■Former members eligible for retired pay at age 60 but who have not yet attained the age of 60 and who possess a Department of Defense Civilian Identification Card.

■Dependents of the members described above who have a Uniformed Services Identification Card or who have a distinct identification card used as an authorization card for benefits and privileges administered by the Uniformed Services.



Embry-Riddle to have registration

Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University is preparing

for registration for the Spring 2004 term. Registration dates are Dec. 8 - Jan. 9.

Term dates are Jan. 12 - March 12.

Please call the ERAU office for more information regarding course offerings, days and times. New students to the program should submit their application packets as soon as possible. ERAU staff will be happy to evaluate previous coursework and military credits.

ERAU offers a Bachelor of Science degree in Professional Aeronautics and a Master of Aeronautical Science. We are located in building 402. Please call 851-6458 or email us at Sheppard.Center@erau.edu.

Education testing center closes

Due to the holiday break and the resulting decrease in

testing activity, the education services testing center will be closed beginning Dec. 22.

The normal testing schedule will resume on Jan. 5. Plan testing needs accordingly.

The counseling and administration activities in the education services center will continue, but with a greatly-reduced staff.

Union to hold meetings

American Federation of Government Employees Local 1731 will be holding the next two monthly union member's meetings in the community activity center at 4:45 p.m. the first Monday in December and January.

The meeting will be in the small conference room next to the snack bar. These meetings are only open to members of Local 1731 or perspective members escorted and presented by a member in good standing.

For more information, contact the Local 1731 representative in your immediate area.



Student activities:

Happenings in the community

Student center

Monday, 6 to 8 p.m. - jam session, bring your own instrument or equipment, free.

Tuesday, 5 to 9 p.m. - Video Night in the pub, free.

Wednesday, 3 to 5 p.m. - pool tournament, \$2 per person.

Thursday, 7 to 9 p.m. - Karaoke Night, free.

Friday and Saturday, 7 p.m. to 1 a.m. - Club BDU dance, \$4 per person.

Sunday, 3 to 5 p.m. - pool tournament in the ballroom, \$5 per person.

Hours

Monday - Thursday: 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Friday and Saturday: 10:30 a.m. to 1 a.m. Sunday: Noon to 10 p.m. Holidays: Noon to 8 p.m.

Red River Cafe

The café offers pizzas, calzones, hamburgers, chicken, a variety of salads and sub sandwiches

including all-new Philly steak sandwich, a variety of drinks plus 14 flavors of ice cream and sherbet.

Wednesday and Thursday: 4:30 to 10 p.m.

Friday and Saturday: 11 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday and holidays: Noon to 9 p.m.

Fitness incentive

Every Saturday, the fitness center offers a variety of exercise programs for students as part of the Fitness Incentive Training for Students program.

Two plastic chips are given to those who participate and one chip is given to those who attend.

The squadron that collects the most chips will win a prize at the end of the program. For more information, call 6-2972.

Saturday - Obstacle course with tires, bicycles and a three-legged race beginning at 10 a.m. at the south fitness center.

Dec. 13 - Dodge ball at the south fitness center beginning at 10 a.m.

Community center Pool tournament

The community center has pool tournaments every Saturday at 5 p.m. The fee is \$2 per person. First- and second-place winners win trophies. Call 6-7695 for more information.

Video night

The community center has a free video night every night beginning at 5 p.m. on the big screen TV in the lounge on the second floor. For more information, call 6-3866.

Birthday diners

Students who are having a birthday this month and are on subsistence in kind are invited to celebrate their special day on the Friday of their choice for dinner. Students can contact the dining facility manager/supervisor, or call 6-2080 for more information.



Student Ministry programs

Solid Rock Cafe

Solid Rock Cafe is open every day at Bldg. 450.

Monday through Thursday, 7:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Friday, 7:30 a.m. to 11:30 p.m.

Saturday, 1 to 11:30 p.m.

Sunday, 1 to 9:30 p.m.

Sunday Protestant Bible study, 4 p.m.

Contemporary Praise Worship Service, 5 p.m.

Chapel Ropes Meeting, Tuesday, 11:15 to noon and 4 to 5 p.m.

Parents and Tots, Monday, 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. and Wednesday, 10 to 11 a.m.

Praise Band Rehearsal, Saturday, 10 a.m. to noon (Andria Hayman)

Solid Rock Saturday Meal, 6:15 p.m.



Photo by Airman Jacque Lickeig

Deck the halls...

Airman Matthew Leightner, a student at the 364th Training Squadron, picks out a Christmas gift he'll give to his sister during Christmas exodus. Exodus is Dec. 20 to Jan. 3.

What if the Airplane
was never
invented?



Celebrate 100 years
of flight
1903-2003

**For more base activities,
check out Page 16.**

Sheppard's ALS class 04-B graduates 15 senior airmen

Sheppard's Airman Leadership School Class 04-B graduated 20 senior airmen recently.

Senior Airman Myra White, 383rd Training Squadron, earned top honors with the John L. Levitow Award.

The John L. Levitow Award is presented to the student who exceeded all academic standards and demonstrates leadership ability, teamwork, attitude and military bearing.

Senior Airman Naomia Collins, 382nd Training Squadron, was recognized with the Leadership Award.

The Leadership Award is given to the student who makes the most significant contribution to the overall class success.

Senior Airmen Sue McDougal, 82nd Medical Operations Squadron, was awarded the Academic Achievement Award.

The Academic Achievement Award denotes excellence as a scholar. It is based upon all

objectives and performance evaluation scores for the class.

Senior Airman Kimberly Murphy, 383rd TRS, was also honored as a distinguished graduate.

Other graduates were Senior Airmen Marissa Rigmaiden, 82nd Training Group, Crystal Taylor, 365th Training Squadron, Jenny Doan, 782nd Training Group, Joshua Skoglund, 362nd Training Squadron, Allyson Byler, 382nd TRS, Jon Green, 82nd Communication Squadron, Amy Burum, 82nd Mission Support Squadron, Matthew Cox, 366th Training Squadron, Christopher Smith, 80th Operation Support Squadron, Katrika Penny-Tilghman, 366th TRS, Cecelia Storms, 82nd Aerospace Medicine Squadron, Nicholas Haight, 361st Training Squadron, Kalaeone Needham, 362nd TRS, Candice Stewart, 782nd TRG, Aaron Johnson, 82nd Medical Support Squadron.



Senior Airman Myra White



Senior Airman Naomia Collins



Senior Airman Sue McDougal



Senior Airman Kimberly Murphy

Have an interesting story idea? Tell us about it. Contact us at sheppardsenator.af.mil.

**Want to quit smoking?
Call the health and wellness center at 6-4292 for information about the smoking cessation classes.**

Turkey provides link between East, West

By Capt. Omer Gulmezoglu

Turkish senior national representative

Turkey is located where Europe meets Asia, creating a strategic link between these two continents and the Middle East region.

More than a geographical link, the large landmass known as Anatolia has always formed a bridge between the West and the East, each composed of different cultures, religions, thoughts and life styles almost since the beginning of history.

The official language is Turkish and the common religion is Muslim – 99 percent. The population is about 75 million people. Although a very large part of its territory lies in Asia, politically, economically and strategically,

Turkey is an integral part of Europe and, in more general terms, of Western Community Nations.

Besides her western focus, Turkey is also a member of the Organization of Islamic Conference because of its unique location, history and culture. This duality is an important element in the multi-dimensional nature of Turkish foreign policy.

Turkey's western orientation and legitimate security are highlighted by her participation in NATO, which also indicates the democratic desire and political will of Turkish nation.

As a sign of that will, Turkey joined the Euro-NATO Joint Jet Pilot Training program in 1980 even though the Turkish Air Force has had its own pilot training school.

Turkey borders eight countries while being in the middle of the world's hottest region. To stand safely in that fiery area, Turkey has a large armed force, which is second only to the United States in size among NATO countries.

It is no wonder the (Turkish) air force is a vital component of the Turkish Armed Forces, ensuring national safety and contributing to worldwide peace.

ENJJPT has always had an important place in the air force for pilot training purposes. Considering that we use the same jets in pilot training in Turkey, it will always stay important.

As proof of the importance of ENJJPT to the Turkish air force, I want to relate a true event that happened recently in Turkey.

In 2001, by the order of the chief of general staff (Armed

Forces Commander), all forces had to reduce their expenses in many areas including assignments to foreign countries because of major economical difficulties and associated restrictions throughout the country. ENJJPT was also to get its share from that mandatory reduction.

At that time, the air force commander stepped in and proposed to shut down two other posts allocated to the air force in two other NATO countries instead of losing all of the ENJJPT positions. This was just for the sake of staying in the ENJJPT program at the cost of losing some other NATO posts in Europe.

After some discussions between the two headquarters, the offer was approved and the Turkish air force has continued its participation in this NATO program

without any interruption. Despite the cost being almost triple than that of at home and experiencing major economic problems countrywide, Turkey has proudly continued to support ENJJPT, participating as students and instructor pilots since the beginning.

Today, a pilot's career in TUAF begins at the air force academy in Istanbul with a four-year education that provides a bachelor of science degree in one of the four different engineering branches: electronics, computer, industry, and aerospace.

After graduation as an officer, flight training begins at Cigli air force base in Izmir on the west coast. It takes 14 months and young officers fly with SF-260D in the initial phase, the T-37 in the basic phase and the T-38 for the fighter track only.

Use caution with holiday lights, candles

By Mr. Jon Hataway

82nd Training Wing Safety Office

Glittering lights and glowing candles are typical of the season, but as the holidays draw near, experts recommend keeping an eye on safety.

According to the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission, about 10,800 people are treated for injuries related to holiday decorations, lights and Christmas trees each year. In addition, there are 11,000 candle-related fires each year, resulting in 150 deaths and 1,200 injuries annually.

Christmas trees are the cause of about 400 fires annually, resulting in 20 deaths, 70 injuries and an average of more than \$15 million in property loss and damage.

Keeping safety in mind while decorating could help prevent these injuries and fires. Simple measures including turning off lights when gone, not leaving candles unattended and being mindful of decorations people can trip over can make the holidays safer and happier for everyone.

Consumers should carefully select their trees and make sure lights meet safety standards. Many fires start because trees dry out and there is a nearby heat or ignition source such as candles or lights.

Live Christmas trees should be fresh and as moist as possible. No needles should fall off

when the tree is shook or stamped on the ground. Be sure to keep the tree fresh once it is home by making a new cut on the trunk and filling the stand with plenty of water.

When purchasing an artificial tree, the CPSC suggests choosing one labeled "fire resistant." This label indicates that although the tree can still catch fire, it should resist burning and be easily extinguished.

As for lights, consumers should take stock of their inventory and eliminate potential hazards.

Throw out strings of lights that are frayed, cracked or cut around the wire insulation, anything that could allow wires to touch. Older light sets should also be discarded, as they do not meet today's safety standards.

The CPSC also recommends using no more than three strings of lights per extension cord and turning them off at night or while out of the house.

Some people leave the house and want to come home to a beautifully decorated and lit house, but the CPSC is saying turn them off. Any flame or heat source is a potential ignition (or fire) source. Safety could be the best gift to give this year.

More holiday decoration safety tips from the CPSC are available online at <http://www.cpsc.gov> or by calling 1-800-638-2772.

The 82nd Training Wing Safety Office wishes all of you a safe and healthy holiday season.

Conservation Corner

Space heater use limited

By Sam Hagins

Base Energy Manager

The colder weather has prompted many calls to the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron about the use of portable space heaters at Sheppard.

Most inquiries have been about base policy on their use. Because they're a fire hazard and not energy efficient, space heaters are prohibited at Sheppard (excluding military family housing) except where adequate heating is not provided by other means.

This means that space heaters can only be used by those in buildings whose heating system cannot maintain AETC mandated winter room temperature standards of 70-72°F. There are no other exceptions.

Employees considering space heater use should first ask their facility manager to contact the Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) shop at 6-5725 to see if the problem can be resolved.

If the HVAC shop cannot resolve the problem and recommends space heater use then the employee will fill out a SAFB Form 17, Space Heater

Request Form. Forms may be accessed electronically from the Sheppard home page.

The SAFB Form 17 requires all necessary signatures before space heater use is authorized. Signatures include supervisor of requester, the Base Energy Manager, and a fire department representative.

The Form 17 must be dated the same fiscal year that the heater will be operated. The requester keeps the original form at the location of the space heater.

The Civil Engineer Squadron Operations Flight, 82 CES/CEO, and the Fire Department, 82 CES/CEF, keep copies. The requester's supervisor is responsible for proper use and condition of space heater IAW SAFBI 32-2001, Sheppard Air Force Base Fire Protection.

Space heater approval must be validated annually using SAFB Form 17 for all space heaters on base. Approval expires once a facility transitions from heating to cooling.

Please contact Mr. Sam Hagins at 6-5689 if you have any questions or need more information.



New ship tests advanced technologies at sea

By Ms. Maria Zacharias

Naval Sea Systems Command
Public Affairs

WASHINGTON – In the ongoing effort to bring new technologies to the fleet more rapidly, military and industry have a valuable asset available in Sea Shadow (IX 529).

A futuristic-looking vessel with a shape reminiscent of Darth Vader's helmet, Sea Shadow is a test platform for researching advanced technologies in propulsion, automation, sea-keeping and reduced signatures. Sea Shadow provides government and industry an opportunity to test new technologies at sea before committing to using them in new ship designs.

Once veiled in secrecy, the vessel has since come out in the open as a tool for testing and evaluating new technologies in a realistic at-sea environment.

Developed in the 1980s under a combined program by

the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency, the Navy and Lockheed Martin Missiles and Space Company, Sea Shadow incorporates a Small Water Plane Area Twin Hull (SWATH) design, in which the vessel's angled sides extend below the waterline to torpedo-shaped hulls that provide exceptional stability in heavy weather.

The canards and stabilizers used to steer the craft are an example of a new idea that was developed and proven on Sea Shadow and then incorporated into the SWATH T-AGOS 19 and 23 ship classes. Seakeeping and structural loads data collected on Sea Shadow was also used to assist in validating the design tools used in developing these other SWATHs.

Sea Shadow currently offers a means to support risk reduction for future surface ship platforms, such as DD(X), by testing advanced technologies that support areas, such as reduced manning and ship survivability.



Photo courtesy of Naval Sea Systems Command

The U.S. Navy Sea Shadow craft gets underway at dusk to participate in events associated with Fleet Battle Experiment-Echo, sponsored by Commander, Third Fleet, and the Maritime Battle Center. Sea Shadow was reactivated this year to support evaluation of future Navy ship designs and technologies, including automation for reduced manning, propulsion concepts, and characteristics of surface ship stealth.

"Sea Shadow can be used to test new technologies in a realistic environment and at a larger scale than can be achieved in indoor facilities," says Program Manager Paul Chatterton. "And

using Sea Shadow means not having to impinge on operational forces for testing needs."

As Navy shipbuilding programs continue to move in the direction of modular construc-

tion, spiral development, and more compressed lead times, Sea Shadow should continue to demonstrate its value to government and industry decision makers.

Marines pledge to never leave a child without a toy

MARINES CORPS BASE QUANTICO, Va. – The Corps is known for being a band of brothers; Marines never leave anyone behind.

Through the Toys for Tots Foundation, the Marine Corps is able to give back to the community the same way they do to their fellow Marines, by never leaving a child without a toy for Christmas.

The mission of the United States Marine Corps Reserve Toys for Tots Program is to collect new, unwrapped toys each year and distribute them as Christmas gifts to

needy children in the community in which the campaign is conducted.

Celebrity support has helped make this program successful. This year's celebrity spokesman, Billy Ray Cyrus, discussed how important it is not to leave any children with an "Achy Breaky Heart" during the Christmas season.

"This is a program that I have admired throughout the years. Making kids happy at Christmas time is such a worthy cause and I have always prayed that God

would give me the vision and wisdom to do the things on this earth that I am suppose to do," Mr. Cyrus said.

Celebrity support is one factor that makes this program a success, but it is the leadership, teamwork and service of Marines that is the glue that holds everything together. That was the message delivered by Commandant of the Marine Corps Gen. Michael W. Hagee.

"Both on and off the battlefield, Marines, whether you are wearing a uniform, have worn a uniform, are in the reserves or are

wearing civilian clothes, provide leadership, they provide service and they provide teamwork," the general said. "That's what we bring to the battlefield, whether it's the battlefield in Iraq or the battlefield here in the United States to help support needy children."

More than 13 million toys were raised for more than 5 million children. This is a goal that Mr. Cyrus hopes to break.

Mr. Cyrus not only spoke about the Toys for Tots mission but also gave a brief but moving

performance. He sang "Silent Night" and "Some Gave All," a song about a veteran he met in a bar in 1989.

"All gave some, some gave all. Some stood through for the red, white and blue and some had to fall. If you ever think of me, think of all your liberties and recall, some gave all," Mr. Cyrus sang.

This song is an echo of how Marines and the Toys for Tots program "give all" to their community.

(Courtesy Marine Corps News Service.)

Centennial of flight

This week in air and space history

December 1966 – Work began on a \$458,990 contract for modification of four medical service school buildings. Included in the building contract was the remodeling of Neel Kearby Hall to provide laboratory and classroom space.

Dec. 5, 1974 – The Pioneer 11 planetary spacecraft flew by Jupiter.

Dec. 6, 1957 – The United States attempted to launch the first satellite into space. The attempt was unsuccessful when it went a few hundred feet before exploding.

Dec. 6, 1998 – Unity, a six-sided connector for future station components, is connected to Zarya by Shuttle Mission STS-88. Together, the two modules form the new, 70,000-pound, 76-foot long International Space Station.

Dec. 7, 1934 – Aviation pioneer Wiley Post discovered a jet stream of air current existed over the United States.

Dec. 7, 1941 – Japan pulls a surprise air raid on Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, doing heavy damage to the U.S. Fleet and destroying the majority of military aircraft at Hickman Field.

Dec. 7, 1972 — Apollo 17 took off for the last lunar landing. The crew consisted of Eugene Cernan, Ronald Evans, and Harrison Schmitt.

Dec. 8, 1903 – Samuel P. Langley's "Aerodrome," piloted by Charles Manley, plunges into the Potomac River on the second launching attempt and is completely wrecked.

Dec. 9, 1909 – First time a monoplane (single wing) flew in the U.S.

Dec. 10, 1911 – Cal Rodgers completes the first transcontinental flight in the Wright EX "Vin Fiz" from Long Island, N.Y., to Pasadena, Calif.

Dec. 10, 1951 – The first flight of the Kaman 225, powered by a Boeing 502 gas turbine engine.



Dec. 10, 1963 – U.S. Air Force dropped its Dyna-Soar program (the X-20). The project was to have launched one person into orbit on a space glider, which would orbit Earth then return to land on a runway.



Photo by Ms. Lou Anne Sledge

Driving it home

Children from the school-aged youth center hold up cans of food they recently donated to the family support center's food pantry. More than 540 cans of various food was gathered and donated Nov. 26.

Chief of Staff of the Army discusses reorganization, more stability

By Pfc. Benjamin T. Brody

Fort Stewart Frontline

FORT STEWART, Ga. — Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter J. Schoomaker visited Fort Stewart and Hunter Army Airfield Nov. 20-21 and spoke with troops returning from Iraq about the Army's upcoming reorganization.

"I chose 3rd Infantry Division for reorganization because it is just out of Iraq, full of combat-experienced leadership and soldiers," the Army's top soldier said. "With the division home, knowing what worked and what didn't in Iraq, General (William) Webster can do some experimentation for the Army as it moves toward modularity."

The Army-wide shift, beginning with the 3rd Infantry Division (Mechanized), will be toward a modular, more agile fighting force. In outlining his vision two months ago, General Schoomaker said divisions will have more brigades — smaller units, but more lethal, called "brigade units of action." He said the 101st Airborne Division from Fort Campbell, Ky., would also participate in a reorganization similar to a Marine Division when it returns from Iraq.

The reorganization also aims to increase stability within units, which translates to greater stability in soldiers' families, General Schoomaker said.

"It's time we stopped reassigning soldiers just because they've been somewhere for three years. I want to keep soldiers together — train them cohesively, deploy them as teams and bring them home as teams," he said. "With less frequent turnover, units can build a foundation of experience as long as there is professional development. Investing in leadership training equates to investing in the unit."

General Schoomaker discussed areas that could be improved throughout the Army with the soldiers such as availability of small arms protective insert armor plates that can stop 7.62mm rounds and the lightweight M4 carbine to replace the M16 rifle.

"We're doing everything we can to keep you ready to go — equipment, training, and people," he said. "Next month we should have 100 percent of troops in Iraq equipped with SAPI armor."

Both General Schoomaker and 3rd ID commander Maj.

Gen. William Webster expressed praise for the Marine soldiers' dedication and professionalism.

General Schoomaker said the soldiers wounded in OIF that he visited wanted to get back to the fight because they were worried about their buddies.

"The Army has changed a lot throughout my career, from a post-Vietnam, non-volunteer force that had a great deal of difficulties — you can't compare today's Army with how it was," General Schoomaker said. "The level of discipline, training, and equipment are so superior today. But it's not enough that we're the best army in the world. Are we as good as we can be?"

Schoomaker cited the need for all soldiers to be proficient in basic soldiering skills, not just combat arms personnel, for the Army to reach its full potential.

"We need to focus on soldiers being able to take care of themselves, then able to take care of their buddies, then able to take care of their larger team," he said. "It's all part of the warrior ethos: Place the mission first, never accept defeat, never quit, and never leave a fallen comrade."



Photo courtesy of Army News Service

Lt. Col. Gary Luck (left), commander of 3/15 Infantry and 3/15 Command Sgt. Maj. Robert Gallagher explain their battalion's training exercises to Army Chief of Staff Gen. Peter Schoomaker.

Call the Sheppard Senator at 6-7244 to submit a story or suggest an idea for the paper.

Sheppard Spotlight

15 lines of fame

1. **Name:** Marissa Morrison
2. **Rank:** Senior Airman
3. **Organization and position:** 364th Training Squadron, assistant noncommissioned officer in charge
4. **Hometown:** Altus, Okla.
5. **Married or single:** Married to Tech. Sgt. Richard Morrison and 17-month-old daughter Savannah.
6. **Hobbies/Favorite thing(s) to do in your free time:** Spend time with my family.
7. **Funniest childhood memory:** Probably tripping over my hair in third grade.
8. **Why did you join the Air**

Force? To be independent and for education reasons.



9. **Why do you stay in the Air Force?** I've enjoyed it so far, and I'd like to see other places.

10. **Date Arrived at Sheppard:** Dec. 13, 2000

11. **Most rewarding aspect of your job:** Seeing our customers satisfied when they leave our office.

12. **Favorite book or movie:** "Beauty and the Beast"

13. **What is your dream vacation?** Walt Disney World

14. **If you could be anyone for one day, who would you be?** My mother

15. **Most prized possession:** Family albums.

Soundoff

Next week's question:

What present would you get for a servicemember who can't go home for Christmas?

If you would like your answer printed in *The Sheppard Senator*, call us at 6-7246 or e-mail us at sheppardsenator@sheppard.af.mil.

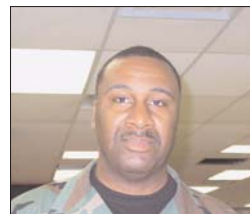
Think before you drink. Hand your keys to a wingman or call Airmen Against Drunk Driving at 6-AADD for a ride home after a night out.

Soundoff

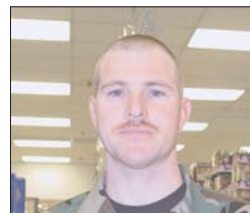
What is your favorite Christmas movie?



"A Christmas Story," Priscilla Castro, 82nd Comptroller Squadron



"How the Grinch Stole Christmas," Tech. Sgt. Horace Warren, 882nd Training Support Squadron



"Disney's A Christmas Carol," - Staff Sgt. Paul Woodward, McConnell Air Force Base, Kansas



"The Peanuts Christmas Special," Pat Pringle, 82nd Mission Support Squadron

Cha-ching: President signs \$401.3 billion defense authorization act

By Jim Garamone

American Forces Press Service

WASHINGTON – Calling it a landmark piece of legislation that sends the clear message that “Americans stand with the United States military,” President George W. Bush signed the fiscal 2004 National Defense Authorization Act in a Pentagon ceremony here Nov. 24.

A bipartisan group of legislators and Department of Defense civilian and uniformed leaders attended the ceremony.

The act authorizes DOD to spend \$401.3 billion in the fiscal year that began Oct. 1.

“We will do all it takes to keep our military strong, to keep the peace and to keep the American people secure,” President Bush said.

The money is in addition to the \$87 billion supplemental bill passed in early November.

“The war on terror is different than any war America has ever fought,” the president said. “Our enemies seek to inflict mass casualties without fielding mass armies. They hide in the shadows, and they are often hard to strike. The terrorists are cunning and ruthless and dangerous, as the world saw on Sept. 11, 2001, and again in Istanbul last week.”

But the terrorists now are facing the United States and its allies, “and this threat to civilization will be defeated,” President Bush said.

The new threats mean the U.S. military must be fast, smart and agile, he said.

“Right now, America’s armed forces are the best-trained, best-equipped and best-prepared in the world, and this administration will keep it that way,” he said.

The legislation supports the force with an across-the-board pay raise that averages 4.1 percent, President Bush said. It extends the current payment of \$225 and \$250 per month for hazardous duty/imminent danger pay and separation pay. It reduces housing costs for those living off base, and it keeps up the robust bonus-pay program that has served the all-volunteer force so well.

“Those who risk their lives for our liberty deserve to be fairly paid and fairly treated, and this

bill keeps those commitments,” he said.

The legislation helps America remain prepared and fully equipped for unseen challenges. “In our new struggle, challenges can emerge suddenly, and so we must always be ready,” he said.

The bill fully funds operations and maintenance accounts and amends some environmental laws that had an adverse effect on realistic training for America’s military.

“The Congress has authorized the full \$9.1 billion that I requested for ballistic-missile defense,” President Bush said. “The spread of ballistic-missile technology, along with the spread of weapons of mass destruction, is a terrible danger to America and the world. We must have the tools and the technologies to properly protect our people.”

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld called the legislation “transformational.” The president agreed.

“This bill also advances the vital work of transforming the personnel system for civilian defense workers so we can put

the right person in the right job to meet the challenges we face,” President Bush said.

The department’s nearly 700,000 civilian workers have been laboring under “a cumbersome, inefficient system designed for another century,” he said.

The National Security Personnel System gives DOD managers the flexibility to place civilian workers where they are most needed without needless delay, he said. The bill reduces the time it takes to hire new people, introduces pay-for-performance bonuses and streamlines the promotion process.

“These are landmark reforms — the most ambitious of their kind in a quarter of a century,” President Bush said. “To win the war on terror, America must fully utilize the skill and talents of everyone who serves their country, and this bill will help us achieve that goal.”

President Bush said everyone associated with the Defense Department is involved in a great and historic task.

“And the stakes for our coun-

Defensive spending

The following are some of the highlights of the 2004 National Defense Authorization Act:

■ \$401.3 billion authorized for fiscal year 2004

■ \$9.1 billion requested for ballistic missile defense

■ An across-the-board pay raise for all military personnel that ranges from 3.7 to 6.25 percent

■ Hazardous duty/imminent danger and separation pay increased to \$225 and \$250

■ Transformation of civilian hiring process

try could not be higher,” he said. “We face enemies that measure their progress by the chaos they inflict, the fear they spread and the innocent lives they destroy.

“America’s military is standing between our country and grave danger,” President Bush

said. “You are standing for order, hope and democracy in Afghanistan and Iraq. You’re standing up for the security of all free nations and for the advance of freedom. The American people and your commander in chief are grateful.”

myPay to offer tax statements soon

ARLINGTON, Va. — Defense Finance and Accounting Service officials have compiled a schedule of dates when service-members, military retirees and annuitants and defense civilian employees can access their tax statements through myPay.

Military members and Department of Defense civilian employees will have access to view, save and print their tax statements from myPay at <https://mypay.dfas.mil>. For assistance, users can call myPay customer support at (800) 390-2348.

MyPay provides a secure method for users to manage their pay account information, officials said. Available around the clock, customers can make changes online, instead of visiting a finance office.

Officials are projecting the tax statements will be posted on myPay during the following

periods.

■ Military annuitants: Dec. 13 to 18

■ DOD civilians: Dec. 24 to 29

■ Army, Air Force and Navy reserve components: Dec. 26 to Jan. 1

■ Military retirees: Jan. 1 to 5

■ Marine Corps active duty and Reserve: Jan. 13 to 21

■ Army, Air Force and Navy active duty: Jan. 16 to 26

"During 2003, more than 1.2 million users viewed their tax statements on myPay, and we continue to encourage users to view and print their statements online," said Pat Shine, director of DFAS' military and civilian pay services business line. "Timely access to W-2s and other tax statements is another way myPay gives users control of their pay information."

(Courtesy Air Force Print News.)



Photos provided by 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron

Top, 1st Lt. Michael Wierusz re-enlists Staff Sgt. Edward Jordan and Senior Airman Frederick Velasco, all of the 82nd Civil Engineer Squadron, while deployed to Uzbekistan. Right, the three civil engineer personnel sit atop a dilapidated structure near the flight line of their deployed location.

82nd CES warriors



General activities

Lake Texoma to have movie day

Lake Texoma will show free movies and serve popcorn Saturday beginning at 1 p.m. Call (903) 523-4613 for more information.

Sheppard members can winter check cars at auto skills center

Sheppard personnel can now do winter checks on their cars at the auto skills shop.

The shop is open Monday, Thursday and Friday from 1 to 9 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Team Sheppard gets creative

The ceramics shop offers lessons and guidance for ceramic projects. All the materials needed to start creative projects are available.

More than 2,500 craft projects are available for lessons with a variety of paints, glazes and supplies.

The ceramics shop is located in Bldg. 832, the health and wellness center building.

Hours of operation are Wednesday-Friday from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday from noon to 5 p.m. For more information, call 855-0118.

Club activities

Officers club to host Sunday Brunch

The officers club will host a brunch Sunday from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. The menu will include a breakfast buffet, salad bar, lunch buffet, omelet bar, dessert and champagne. The cost is \$10.95 for members and \$12.95 for non-members. For more information, call 6-6460.

Officers club to serve Mongolian barbecue

The officers club will serve Mongolian barbecue Thursday from 5:30 to 8 p.m. The cost is \$0.45 per ounce for chicken, pork or beef. Call 6-6460 for more information.

Enlisted club to have Latin night

The enlisted club is scheduled to host a Latin night Dec. 13 from 10 p.m. to 2 a.m. Admission is free for members and \$5 for non-members. Call 6-2083 for more information.

Duffy's Bar to open

Duffy's Bar inside of the officers club will open at 4:30 p.m. Saturday. Call 6-6460 for more information.

Enlisted club gets in a Frenzy

The enlisted club is giving members chances to win a variety of prizes and trips with Football Frenzy 2003. For more information, call 6-2083.

Dec. 17 - Drawing for tickets to the Pro Bowl in Honolulu, Hawaii. Meals, personal transportation and entertainment are the responsibility of the winner.

Officers club serves lunch deals

The officers club has daily lunch specials Monday through Friday. Cost is \$5.95 for members and \$7.95 for non-members. Membership pays!

On Mondays, they serve a country lunch. Tuesday is Italian. Wednesday is Texas style. Thursday is Mexican, and Friday is seafood.

Call the officers club at 6-6460 for more information.

Upcoming trips, show ITT planning upcoming trips in December

ITT is planning several trips for the month of December. Call 6-6210 for more information about any of these trips.

Dec. 13 - Shopping at Grapevine Mills. Cost is \$18 per person. Register by Monday. Departs at 9 a.m. from the community center. Tour includes round trip transportation.

Dec. 22 - Holiday Lights Tour on the local trolley. Cost is \$10 per person. Register by Thursday. Departs at 6 p.m. from the community center.



-Chapel schedule- Parish Ministries

Protestant Services

Sunday

Sunday School, 9:00 a.m., Bldg 962
Community Worship, 10:30 a.m., North Chapel
Inspirational Gospel Worship, 10:30 a.m., South Chapel
Holy Communion Worship, 10:30 a.m., Hospital Chapel
Weekday Bible Studies
Tue, 6:00 p.m. & Thu, Noon, South Chapel

Protestant Religious Education

Sunday school classes, Bldg. 962, 9 a.m.
Tuesday night Bible study, 6 p.m., south chapel
Thursday noon Bible study, noon (lunch provided), south chapel
Protestant Women of the Chapel
Thursday night Bible study, 6 p.m.
Protestant Men of the Chapel Tues-

day morning Bible study, 6 a.m.

Protestant Men of the Chapel

Saturday, 6:30 a.m., south chapel
PMOC breakfast/fellowship is the second Saturday of the month at Golden Corral at 8 a.m.

Catholic Services

Saturday, confession, 4 to 4:30 p.m., north chapel
Saturday, Mass, 5 p.m., north chapel

Sunday, Mass, 9 a.m. and noon, north chapel

Catholic religious education, pre-K through adult, 10:30 to

11:40 a.m., Bldg. 962
RCIA, 6 to 8 p.m., Bldg. 962
Daily services: Monday and Wednesday, 11:30 a.m., south chapel
Tuesday, 5:15 p.m., Solid Rock Cafe
Thursday, 11:30 a.m., SRC

For more

The base movie theater is closed for renovations until January.



Army has unique training at Sheppard

By Mr. Mike McKito

Base public communication

“Halt! Who goes there?”

Those four words break the silence of a fall afternoon from the guard shack of a protected perimeter. The muzzle of an M-16 is zeroed in on the approaching individual's chest.

The command and intent of the words are real – sort of.

The scene isn't from many of the small bases in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom. It is, however, the Field Training Site of the Biomedical Equipment Training Army-unique course here.

Just to the north of the Army's BMET training building lies the cluster of deployable medical systems consisting of temper tents and tactical shelters used for Block 12.

Prior to arrival at the FTS, the soldiers have been in BMETs training for nearly 10 months. There, along with members of her sister services, they learn complex electronic trouble-shooting techniques on such equipment as X-

ray systems, anesthesia units, laboratory equipment and various pneumatic equipment such as dental equipment and sterilizers that they will service and repair daily in their garrison jobs.

“The primary Army exposure the students have had is through contact and training management by the drill sergeant,” said Sergeant 1st Class John Campbell, Block 12 leader, Army FTS.

Here students return to the Army basics. The instructors review some of the basic soldier skills and their common task training. These include tasks such as donning their nuclear, biological and chemical gear, road marches, site security and teamwork.

However, Sergeant Campbell said the primary purpose of the Army-unique training is for the students to gain valuable knowledge about equipment they may see in future, real-world deployments.

“We have a lot more of the actual deployable equipment that they will see in a field unit,” he said. “Along with other tasks, we'll have them pack, center

stack and collapse a tactical shelter as though they were actually deploying a piece of the hospital.”

Since someone could get injured or killed in the field environment, he said they must learn all aspects of their team's job. Part of this is being a leader.

“It doesn't matter if they are a private, specialist or sergeant, we put everyone of them into a leadership position,” said Sergeant Campbell. “We need them to realize the mission must continue, even if they have to move into a leadership position unexpectedly.”

Another important part of the training is learning and completing the necessary paperwork involved in the maintenance of hospital equipment. The job isn't done until the paperwork is complete, Sergeant Campbell said.

Upon completion of their 21 days at Block 12, soldiers are ready to perform their duties as biomedical equipment technicians in a fixed facility hospital at



Photo by Mr. Mike McKito

Pfc. Matthew Millage calibrates the electronic components of a dental X-ray unit during the Biomedical Equipment Training Army-unique course here.

their station of assignment or in a deployable medical systems hospital anywhere in the world.

“Their work is critical to the

saving or healing of their spouse, children, other family members or their buddies in combat,” Sergeant Campbell said.

Air Force band musical goes Hollywood

By Airman 1st Class Alex Saltekoff

11th Wing Public Affairs

HOLLYWOOD, Calif. — The U.S. Air Force Band from Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., performed its musical "Born of a Dream" before full houses Nov. 18 to 20 at the Kodak Theatre.

All of the 2,500 free seats were reserved before the start of the first performance. The band's final performance Nov. 20 was a private show for the annual Gathering of Eagles, which honors several veterans of aviation.

The Kodak Theatre, where the Academy Awards are annually held, housed the band's first Broadway-class musical celebrating 100 years of powered flight.

"Born of a Dream" was written by and starred band airmen. The musical followed Tech. Sgt. Steve Wilson as news reporter "Scott Gibson" during his travels to the fictitious town of Wrightsville to cover a Centennial of Flight celebration.

In the musical, Gibson met several people and ultimately



Photo by Airman 1st Class Alex Saltekoff

The U.S. Air Force Band from Bolling Air Force Base, D.C., performs its musical "Born of a Dream" on Nov. 18 at the Kodak Theatre. The band gave two free public performances of the musical, its first Broadway-class production written by and starring members of the band.

learned the value of flight. Songs in the production reflected the history of flight and offered several selections from various genres of music. "The Greatest" was a jazzy, 1940s-style song about the exploits of Gen. James "Jimmy" Doolittle and Col. Francis "Gabby" Gabreski. There was even a "rap" song about a current fictitious fighter pilot being the greatest.

There were several moments

when the elderly test pilot trio, played by the not-so-elderly Tech. Sgts. Matthew Irish, Bradley Bennett and K.C. Armstrong, break into a fast-paced rock song complete with running and sliding, only to feel their age again when the song is over.

Tech. Sgt. Chris Harris and

Chief Master Sgt. Patricia Wolfe performed a duet about a prisoner of war in Vietnam being separated from his wife. Master Sgt. Shani Prewitt performed a solo about her character's grandfather fighting for the opportunity to serve in World War II as a Tuskegee Airman.

Retired Maj. Gen. John Brooks; Col. Dennis Layendecker, U.S. Air Force Band commander; and Senior Master Sgt. Larry MacTaggart conceived "Born of a Dream" more than a

year ago. Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper approached them for a new project honoring Centennial of Flight.

General Brooks and Colonel Layendecker created an original musical celebrating 100 years of powered flight.

"It's a challenge trying to get your arms around 100 years of flight," the general said. "With this story, we had to find a (way) to bring some of the emotion and triumphs of aviation."

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Security forces out shoot 82nd MDOS 39 - 35 to kick off basketball season

By Senior Airman Chris Powell

Sports editor

The 82nd Security Forces Squadron took out the 82nd Medical Operations Squadron 39 - 35 Monday at the south fitness center to begin the over-30 intramural basketball season.

The Guardians, or the 82nd SFS, used their big men to their advantage. Both centers Tony Smith and Eric Thomas scored in double figures, scoring 14 and 19 points respectively.

"Not too bad for the first game," said Master Sgt. Jerry Booket of the team's win, the 82nd SFS team coach. "We have some new players so it will take a few games to gel.

"Our biggest reason's for winning was our overall team speed," Booket said. "We were able to push the ball up the court and get easy baskets."

The first half was really ugly as both teams shot the ball poorly and were having trouble staying in bounds.

The score was 15 - 13 at the end of the first half with the Guardians on top.

After the second half begun., both teams seemed to get more comfortable and started scoring more points.

However, the most crucial play of the game may have come in the second half.

"Late in the game, the MDOS went up 34 - 33, but our defense forced a turnover, and two stops which led to two quick baskets by Smith, and another basket by Thomas," Booket explained.

Thomas also led his team in rebounds with 15.

Tyrone Davis scored 17 points and James Finwick scored 12 points to lead the MDOS in scoring.

The 82nd SFS plays the 82nd Mission Support Squadron/Services Squadron at 3:30 p.m. Dec. 15.

The 82nd MDOS plays the 365th Training Squadron at 5:30 p.m. Wednesday.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris Powell

Hitting the boards

366th Training Squadron and 82nd Mission Support Squadron players get ready to grab a rebound during the first over-30 basketball game Monday in the south fitness center. The 366th TRS beat the 82nd MSS 49 - 30.



Photo by Senior Airman Chris Powell

Swish!

Dominique Carter, 7, shoots free throws at the Madrigal youth center Wednesday as Wally Frohling coaches her on her shooting technique. The purpose of the basketball clinic is to teach kids the basics of basketball before the season begins.

Babies help parents work out

By Airman 1st Class Susan Stout

56th Fighter Wing Public Affairs

LUKE AIR FORCE BASE, Ariz. (AFPN) – Balancing a career, family and fitness program is not always easy.

A training routine, created by fitness trainer Mindy Mylrea here, may help new parents get fit and spend quality time with their babies.

The routine is designed for mothers and fathers with a 20- to 30-pound baby and should be done twice a week for about an hour. Instead of hoisting weights, parents use their child.

"The exercises will keep you fit and feeling good while giving you time to connect with your baby," Ms. Mylrea said. "As you do each move, make eye contact with your baby and talk to him or her throughout the workout."

"This routine is good, especially for people like me, a mom who works full time, so we don't have to take more time away from our baby to go to the gym," said Debbie Diveney, of the 56th Services Squadron. "This allows parents to have quality time while getting a workout."

The following are ways a child can help parents get fit:

Piggyback squat: Let the baby climb onto your back, wrapping his or her hands

around your neck and legs around your waist. Hold onto the child's arms. Stand with your feet hip-width apart, keeping your abdomen tight and back straight. Slowly bend your knees to lower yourself until your thighs are as close to parallel with the ground as you can get. Make sure your knees do not extend past your toes. Straighten your knees to return to starting position. Perform one to two sets of eight to 12 repetitions.

Quadricep lift: Sit in chair with feet together, holding onto the sides of the chair with your hands. Have your baby sit on your feet, facing you and holding onto your calves. With abs tucked in, slowly straighten your legs to lift your feet and your baby off the ground. Hold for one count; then bend your knees to lower your feet back to the floor. Perform one to two sets of eight to 12 reps.

Calf raise: Sitting in a chair with feet placed together on the floor, put your baby on your lap facing you and hold him or her around the waist. Raise your heels off the floor until the baby's weight is on the balls of your feet. Hold for one count; then return to starting position. Perform one to two sets of eight to 12 reps.

For more workout information, go to www.af.mil.

Falcons' loss finishes season

By John Van Winkle

U.S. Air Force Academy Public Affairs

U.S. AIR FORCE ACADEMY, Colo. (AFPN) – The San Diego State end zone was Falcon-free as the Aztecs dealt Air Force a 24-3 loss to end the Falcons' football season Nov. 22.

"It's the first time since the 2001 opener that Air Force has been held without a touchdown," said Tom Craft, San Diego State head coach. "We were glad that we were able to come back and play the way we did against a team like Air Force."

The Aztecs held the Falcons' rushing game to only 191 yards, in San Diego.

"We've only scored 15 points in the last two weeks, and that's pretty disappointing, but we've played two pretty good defensive football teams these two weeks," said Fisher DeBerry, Falcons head coach.

The San Diego-Air Force game put the conference's two best defenses on the same field, he said.

"So, when the score was 3-3 at halftime, I wasn't surprised," DeBerry said.

San Diego showed their depth of talent in the second half. Injuries had turned many backups into starters, including quarterback Matt Dlugolecki, who passed for 226 yards against the Falcons. But his best move was handing off to converted defensive back Hubert Caliste, who threw a 25-yard touchdown to Devin Pitts. The extra point gave the Aztecs a 10-3 lead.

Running back Michael Franklin then scored from 17 yards out on a delay to give the Aztecs a 17-3 lead at the end of the third quarter.

The final nail in the coffin came with 1 minute, 32 seconds left on the clock, as Aztec defensive back Marviel Underwood picked off a pass from Falcons' quarterback Chance Harridge and ran it back 74 yards for

another Aztec touchdown.

Falcon fans then got a look at things to come, when backup quarterback Adam Fitch took the remainder of the snaps. Fitch completed passes to Alec Messerall and J.P. Waller, and was three for five passing in a last-second attempt to break into the end zone. Fitch's final pass to Anthony Park fell short as time ran out.

"You have to give San Diego State credit," DeBerry said. "They came in wounded; ... we were wounded too, but they made the plays. (I) gave coach Tom Craft and his staff credit for getting them ready to play. They took advantage of their opportunities."

"The bottom line is that we have not been able to score points; we have not been able to get turnovers; we have not been able to get their offense off the field," DeBerry said.

"But it's not for a lack of effort. Our kids fought hard. They have a lot of pride. We made some mistakes that we have to correct, but we will be better next year," he said. "We expect a lot more from Falcon football than four losses in the conference."

The loss ends the Falcons' regular season at 7-5 and makes a bowl bid unlikely. The Falcons are in fourth place in the eight-team Mountain West Conference, and the conference only has three bowl game contracts.

"If I was a betting man, I wouldn't bet on our getting into a bowl game. We're on the outside looking in," DeBerry said. "We don't have control over what happens."

But four Air Force seniors have at least one more game to go before putting away their football helmets and shoulder pads for the final time. Linebacker Marchello Graddy will play in the Hula Bowl in January, while Harridge and tight end Adam Strecker will play in the Las Vegas All-American Classic and offensive guard Brett Huyser will play in the East-West Shrine Classic.

Midshipmen vs. Black Knights game never a disappointment

Navy will take on the Black Knights of Army Saturday, Dec. 6, at Philadelphia's Lincoln Financial Field in the 104th playing of the Army-Navy game. Kickoff is set for 4:20 p.m., with national broadcast coverage by CBS-TV and Westwood One Radio starting at 4 p.m.

The Mids enter the Army-Navy game with a lot to play for as Navy will take home the Commander-In-Chief's Trophy for the first time since 1981 with a victory over the Black Knights and could possibly be extended a bid to either the Houston, Fort Worth or Tangerine Bowls.

Navy is coming off a 63-34 shellacking of Central Michigan that saw the Mids run up 644 yards of total offense, including 530 yards on the ground.

Army, who will be trying not to become the first team in NCAA history to go 0-13 in a season, is coming off a 59-28 loss at Hawai'i.

Festivities will get underway at 1:35 p.m. with the Navy march-on. The Army march-on will take place at 2:05 p.m.

The game will be televised to the entire country on CBS with Ian Eagle and Boomer Esiason calling the action. Dwayne Ballen and Tracy Wolfson will serve as sideline reporters.

(Courtesy of Navy News Service)

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Bowling standings				
	No.	Team Name	Won	Lost
	2	365 TRS "C"	70	26
	25	82 COMM "A"	64	32
	6	882 TRG	58	38
	1	365 TRS "B"	58	38
	7	363 TRS "Ammo"	56	40
	16	360 TRS	56	40
	18	362 TRS "B"	56	40
	14	Bowling Pro Shop	54	42
	21	187 Med Bn	52	44
	5	82 CES	51	45
	17	366 TRS "A"	51	45
	9	82 MSS/SVS	51	45
	10	383 TRS	50	46
	22	381 Med Red	49	47
	24	363 TRS Armament	49	47
	19	82 CPTS	47	49
	15	365 TRS "D"	46	50
	8	80 FTW "A"	46	50
	11	362 TRS "A"	46	50
	13	382 TRS "A"	46	50
	4	361 TRS	44	52
	20	364 TRS "A"	43	53
	27	382 "BMET"	43	53
	28	82 Services Squadron	38	58
	3	364 TRS "B"	37	59
	12	82 CS "B"	31	64
	26	80th OSS	29	67
	23	SPS	22	74

Sports shorts

Martin Luther King basketball tournament

There will be a Martin Luther King basketball tournament Jan. 18 and 19 at the north and south fitness centers.

Combo bowling held every Thursday

Combo bowling will be held every Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the south lanes.

For more information, call Donna Dobbins at 569-2430 or Vivian Umlah at 569-1619.

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